

**NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting**  
**April 8, 2015 MINUTES**  
**Location: Senior Center**

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Present:	Jessica Tharaud, Alexa Lyons, Eliza Beth, John Kusiak, SeungWan Kang, Benji Cole
Staff:	Jenny O'Higgins, Jenna Olson, Tom Pomeroy
Advisory Board Adults:	John Panica, Matt Green, Kirsten Tuohy, Heather Byrns, Marcy Davidson, Joe DeVito, Stephanie Lapham, Kathy Marchi, Leah Castellano
Guests:	Whitney Gecker

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The meeting was opened at 6:35 pm by Chairperson, SeungWan Kang

Motion by Eliza Beth to accept the March meeting minutes passed.

**Budget Report:**

Budget for the year: \$2,500

Balance: \$2,369.96

**Business:**

Discussion of priority projects

- Sponsoring meeting/ forum between mental health groups at North and South
  - Providing food and transportation
  - Focusing on smaller meeting for this year with larger summit/ conference for next year with more leadership groups (also raising awareness for future youth commission members at this event)
- Funding for groups at North currently creating posters and inspirational messages to display at the schools
- Sponsoring Newton South's mental health presentations
- Sponsoring MSPP conference (youth commissioners speaking on panel)
  - Motion by Eliza Beth to commit \$500 to MSPP conference passed
- Sending information to clubs (clubs could submit proposals for funding)

Ideas for raising awareness about the youth commission

- Announcement about finding new commissioners and advisory board members to replace graduating seniors in newsletter to parents
- Guidance counselors at high schools distributing application materials
- Posters in central areas at North and South
- Posting information on social media and in class Facebook groups
- Releasing announcements once leadership centers at high schools and website for general public are developed (for next year)
- Representing youth commission at North and South club days and having information and applications available for students
- Contacting newspapers at high schools

### Announcements

- Ordinance changes will be sent by email to be reviewed before next meeting
- Update from Youth Awards – looking for submissions to honor youth and adults (deadline for nominations is May 15)
- Update on DFC Grant:
  - Application submitted – decision will be made in August

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Next meeting date is May 13, 2015 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alexa Lyons, Commissioner and Secretary